

REMARKS

By way of the present amendment, claims 1-18 have been cancelled without prejudice to or disclaimer of the underlying subject matter. No new matter enters by way of these amendments or new claims.

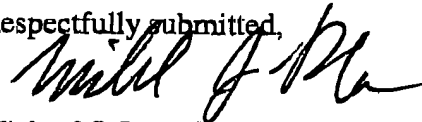
I. Election Requirement

In the Office Action mailed September 27, 2002, the Examiner alleges that the present application contains claims directed to more than one distinct invention and requires election under 35 U.S.C. 121. Applicant elects, without traverse, the invention of Group II, claims 19-31.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass the application to issue. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (650) 631-5053 with respect to any unresolved issues remaining in this application.

Respectfully submitted,



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